

Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting Summary

January 18, 2017 6:30-8:30PM
3000 Rockefeller Ave, Snohomish County Campus, Everett WA 98201
Admin East Building, 6th Floor

<p>MRC Members Present Franchesca Perez Traci Sanderson Paul Clampitt Mike Ehlebracht Cathy Stanley Susan Tarpley Sarah Brown</p> <p>Absent Bob Hillmann (excused)</p>	<p>Staff, Presenters, and Others Kathleen Pozarycki, Snohomish County MRC Lead Staff Elisa Dawson, Snohomish County MRC Planner</p> <p>Laura Gurley, Port of Everett Deb Hopkins, Citizen Tom Doerge, Citizen Thomas Murphy, Edmonds Community College Neal Endacott, Edmonds Community College</p>
<p>Summary of Decisions</p> <p>The MRC approved the November 16, 2016 MRC Meeting Summary.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forage Fish Monitoring scheduled for February 14, 2017 • February 15, 2017 MRC monthly meeting cancelled • February 16, 2016 MRC annual retreat at the Port of Everett’s Blue Heron Room from 4-8PM • Feb 4, 2017 Sound Waters University • February 7, 2017 Starlight Walk in Edmonds • March 18, 2017 Oiled Wildlife Hazwoper training in Everett 	

Welcome and Introductions

Franchesca Perez opened the Marine Resources Committee (MRC) meeting with a quorum at 6:35pm. Franchesca introduced the following four new MRC Member nominees who are awaiting Snohomish County Council appointment: Laura Gurley, Port of Everett; Tom Doerge, retired agronomy research scientist; Deborah Hopkins, candidate for Masters in Public Policy at the University of Washington, and Craig Wollam, Snohomish County Beach Watcher (out sick tonight). Franchesca introduced Tom Murphy and Neal Endacott, archaeology faculty members at Edmonds Community College.

Approval of MRC Meeting Summary

Mike Ehlebracht made a motion to approve the November 16, 2016 MRC Meeting Summary. Paul Clampitt seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Executive Committee Elections

Franchesca announced the potential candidate list for the Executive Committee. The list is as follows: Franchesca Perez, Chair; Sarah Brown and Traci Sanderson, Co-Vice Chairs; Paul Clampitt, NWSC Representative; Mike Ehlebracht, NWSC Alternate. Susan Tarpley made a motion to approve the Executive Committee as proposed. Cathy Stanley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Creosote Removal Project Update

Kathleen gave a general background on the MRC's Near Term Action (NTA) for Creosote Piling Removal in the Snohomish Estuary that was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO). Kathleen passed out a map that shows the location of creosote pilings created by Zach Brown of Snohomish County Surface Water Management. Zach created the map using GIS layers provided by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Tulalip Tribes. The map shows that an estimated total of 667 acres of the estuary are impacted by the pilings. Snohomish County staff completed two days of initial surveying on January 11 and 12, 2017. After the initial surveying, there were questions about how to gather data in an efficient and effective way. In particular, it was hard for survey staff to determine whether a piling was creosote treated. Kathleen reported that she would schedule a conference call with Chris Robertson from DNR to get some clarification on protocols used by DNR for these types of projects, and ask questions. Kathleen solicited any suggestions or ideas from the MRC. Laura Gurley noted that she was aware of a survey done by the Ocean Research College Academy (ORCA) School located at the Port of Everett that mapped osprey nests on pilings. She will reach out the ORCA School for their survey data and provide it to the MRC staff.

Kathleen reported on the draft grant for United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Puget Sound Coastal Program (PSCP) that Surface Water Management (SWM) staff worked to develop to provide additional funding for the creosote removal project. a. Kathleen shared an email from SWM Director Will Hall explaining that he would like to get a clearer picture of the regional strategy for creosote removal prior to applying for this or other grants. He emphasized the importance of having an opportunity for all the partners interested in creosote pile removal in the Snohomish Estuary including DNR, the City of Everett, the Port of Everett, and local tribes, to come together to discuss roles, responsibilities, funding, and implementation for a large scale project. MRC members also noted the importance of figuring out ownership in areas where the pilings are located. Kathleen reported that while this grant application wasn't used for this round of funding, the goal is to submit it for future applications which use the same application form. For now, the MRC will continue to keep moving forward with the LIO funds that we currently have. Kathleen has a call with the LIO funding team tomorrow to develop the scope of work.

MRC Work Plan for 2017

- **Select Date for Retreat** - The next MRC meeting is scheduled for Feb. 15th. The MRC agreed to cancel this meeting in lieu of holding the Annual Retreat. Elisa will send out a Doodle Poll for members to give their availability for February 16th or 21st from 4-8MP. A catered dinner will be provided. Laura Gurley will check on the availability of the Blue Heron Room at the Port of Everett for the retreat location.
- **Draft Work Plan** – The MRC Annual work Plan is due to the Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) on Feb. 28th. One of the main goals of our retreat will be to develop a draft of this plan. The MRC will need to discuss continuing existing projects, as well as considering what project might be feasible for the MRC grant for the upcoming year. The MRC will also need to plan for Kathleen's maternity leave, June 3-September 4th.

Crabber Education Plan for Summer 2017

Paul reported that the educational materials for crabber education remaining for 2016 need to be inventoried before crab season. Paul and Susan are willing to come to the Snohomish County offices to help count materials. Laura Gurley reported that she might have materials she can drop off at Snohomish County. MRC staff will set up a time with Paul, Susan, and Bob to inventory materials and determine what additional materials are needed.

Snohomish County Shoreline Master Plan Update

Kathleen reported that Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS) is in the early stages of scoping the next update of the county's Shoreline Management Program (SMP) due in 2019. Currently, PDS is collecting data to inventory and characterize the county's shoreline areas. Beginning in February, they will be reviewing shoreline policies in the SMP and regulations in Chapter 30.67 SCC. PDS is requesting any improvements to the shoreline code that staff may like to have considered. Kathleen solicited help from the MRC, and asked if any members were interested in looking through the SMP and providing feedback on shoreline policies, regulations, and implementation of the SMP. Franchesca noted the importance of the update and emphasized that involvement in this process is an important opportunity for this group to have input on shoreline regulations moving forward. A brainstorming session for select staff is scheduled on February 21, 2017. Kathleen handed out copies of the SMP, and the MRC members decided to break the document into sections for review.

Forage Fish Monitoring/ Blue Bowl Method

Elisa thanked the MRC for their participation so far in forage fish sampling. Since the last meeting, the MRC successfully collected all the December 6, 2016 and January 17, 2017 forage fish samples. Elisa shared the data results for forage fish eggs from September 2016 through December 2016. Forage Fish eggs were present at one or more Howarth Park locations each month. In December 2016, forage fish eggs were present at all the beach nourishment sites. Elisa confirmed the February dates and sign ups. Paul is unable to sample at Picnic Point and Meadowdale on the February 14 date that was scheduled for the boat and Howarth Park team. Picnic Point and Meadowdale will be sampled February 10 instead. The MRC will work to train additional volunteers comfortable with locating sample sites at Meadowdale and Picnic Point in February with help from Paul.

Sample Date for Boat and Howarth Park: Feb 14, 2017

Meet at 1:00PM at Howarth Park Beach

Volunteers: Franny, Cathy, Max, Sarah, Mike, Tom

Sample Date for Meadowdale and Picnic Point: Feb 10, 2017

Meet at 9:30AM

Volunteers: Paul, Deborah

Announcements

- Paul reported that the NWSC hired a new Executive Director, Rich Childers.
- Paul attended the last Snohomish-Stillaguamish LIO meeting on January 5, 2017. Puget Sound Partnership Strategic Initiative leads attended the meeting and answered questions from LIO Members. Paul reported that the future funding is uncertain, and the group is discussing restructuring the LIO.
- Kathleen announced that the storm surge water level monitoring device has not been installed yet due to technical difficulties. The device must be installed before the end of the month. Continued effort needs to be made to encourage citizen science volunteers to use the MyCoast app. Staff are working on a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) required by the MRC Grant.
- Approximately 50 people attended the Mukilteo Starlight Beach Walk. City of Mukilteo, Snohomish County Beach Watchers, and the Snohomish MRC hosted the event.
- Edmonds Starlight Beach Walk will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, 2017.
- Kathleen asked the MRC to review the Oil Spill Stakeholders Contact List
- There will be an Oiled Wildlife Hazwoper training in Everett March 18, 2017.

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Running List of MRC Actions:

- MRC staff will follow up with Bob, Paul, Susan, and Laura for gathering and inventory of all crabber education materials.
- Susan, Paul, and Bob will follow up with Chrys Bertolotto to schedule a meeting with the Beach Watcher team that is supporting the project.
- MRC members should get edits to the Oil Spill Stakeholder Contact sheet to Kathleen. Kathleen will update the spreadsheet.
- MRC members volunteered to help with forage fish monitoring at Picnic Point, Meadowdale and Howarth Park. Elisa will coordinate with volunteers on logistics for monitoring.
- Elisa will follow up on the placement of the installation of the interpretive signs with the Port of Everett.
- Laura will look into reserving the Port of Everett Blue Heron room for the retreat.
- Elisa will send out a doodle poll to select the retreat date.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.